

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 935

By Powell

A RESOLUTION to honor José González for his exemplary service to Conexión Américas as co-founder and finance director.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly take great pleasure in recognizing a gentleman who utilized his expertise in financial management and his visionary leadership to help create and guide one of Nashville's most respected nonprofit organizations; and

WHEREAS, José González, co-founder and longtime finance director of Conexión Américas, has announced his plans to step down after twenty years of service with the organization; and

WHEREAS, established in 2002 with only three employees, Conexión Américas has grown leaps and bounds but remains true to its mission of building a welcoming community and creating opportunities where Latino families can belong, contribute, and succeed; and

WHEREAS, José González's unmatched dedication and entrepreneurial drive have been essential components in Conexión Américas' remarkable success over the past twenty years; and

WHEREAS, in the early days of Conexión Américas, Mr. González was instrumental in launching several of the organization's marquee economic prosperity programs, including homeownership, financial literacy, and microenterprise development; and

WHEREAS, he also played a significant role in bringing to life the vision of Casa Azafrán, the nonprofit collaborative community center that is home to Conexión Américas and nine nonprofit partners; and

WHEREAS, beyond his official role, Mr. González has served as a mentor and thought partner to many staff colleagues and program participants over the years; and

WHEREAS, his indelible legacy at Conexión Américas emanates from his embedding an entrepreneurial spirit into the fabric of the organization; Mr. González will continue to serve as an entrepreneurship professor at Belmont University while also continuing his commitment to the organization and the Latinx community; and

WHEREAS, José González feels that his twenty years with Conexión Américas have been extraordinarily rewarding and is grateful for that incredible personal and professional journey; he looks forward to continuing to serve as Conexión Américas' biggest ambassador and cheerleader; and

WHEREAS, José González leaves Conexión Américas in a position to deepen its work and impact across Middle Tennessee during its third decade, and he is worthy of our approbation on this special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend José González for his exemplary service to Conexión Américas as co-founder and finance director and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success and happiness in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.